

Change in Qualifications for Engineer Registration

Public Chapter 215 (Senate Bill 354/House Bill 800), which was signed by Governor Bredesen on May 24, 2007, amends Tennessee Code Annotated § 62-2-401(a) relative to the qualifications for engineer registration. In addition to the subdivisions requiring graduation from an engineering curriculum of four (4) years or more, the following is added as a new subdivision:

A person who holds a master's degree in engineering from an institution with an engineering program approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, and with a specific record of four (4) years or more of progressive experience on engineering projects of a grade and character which indicates to the board that the applicant may be competent to practice engineering, and who has obtained certification as an engineer intern, shall be admitted to a minimum eight-hour written examination, prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, in the principles and practice of engineering. Upon passing such examination, the applicant shall be granted a certificate of registration to practice engineering in this state, provided the applicant is otherwise qualified.

This act will take effect on July 1, 2007, for the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations. For all other purposes, this act will take effect on January 1, 2008, and shall be repealed at midnight on June 30, 2012.